

ABSTRACT

[0028] An enclosed trailer for transporting a plurality of animals. The trailer has a floor with first and sidewalls that extend therefrom and a roof attached to the sidewalls to define an enclosed structure. The enclosed structure has a rear door for egress onto the floor that is divided by a plurality of ramped gate assemblies into stalls and a forward door in at least one of the sidewalls. A first continuous rail member attached to the first side wall and a second continuous rail member attached to the second side wall each have a series of vertical sections connected to a series of horizontal section by a splitter sections. Vertical sections of the first and second continuous rail members are located at different distances from the rear door. Each gate in the plurality of gate assemblies has a first roller assembly retained in the first continuous rail member and a second roller assembly retained in the second continuous rail member. An animal enters the enclosed structure from the rear door and each gate is moved from a stored vertical position to a horizontal position to create an individual stall for an animal. When it is desired to unload the animal from the enclosed structure, a gate is moved from the vertical position and returned to the stored position to eliminate the individual stall such that the animal may thereafter exit from the enclosed structure through the forward door.